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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1377

SUBJ: DEATH OF BEN-GURION: FLAG-FLYING

1. BEN GURION'S DEATH RAISES AGAIN QUESTION OF HALF-MASTING
FLAGS AT CONSULAR OFFICES IN WEST AND EAST JERUSALEM. IN
ANTICIPATION OF EVENT, CONSULAR CORPS DISCUSSED ISSUE EARLIER
IN WEEK.

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW PRECEDENT OF REACTION
TO ESHKOL DEATH, NAMELY HALF-MAST FLAGS IN WEST, NOT RPT NOT
IN EAST, ON DAY OF FUNERAL. IF EAST JERUSALEM WERE TO BE
INVOLVED IN FUNERAL, AS IN CASE OF KNESSET SPEAKER BARKATT
WHOSE FUNERAL PROCESSION PASSED THROUGH THAT PART OF CITY,
SOME EXCEPTION MIGHT BE CALLED FOR AS IN THAT CASE.

3. SINCE FUNERAL IS NOT TO BE IN JERUSALEM, I INTEND TO
FOLLOW AGREED PROCEDURE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, PUTTING
FLAG AT HALF-MAST, IN WEST JERUSALEM ONLY, THROUGHOUT
DEC 3. PARTICULARLY AT THIS SENSITIVE TIME OF PENDING NEGO-
TIATIONS, STICKING TO PRECEDENT SEEMS MOST PRUDENT COURSE.
MOREOVER, OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF POPULATION IN EAST JERUSALEM
ARE JORDANIAN NATIONALS NOT ISRAELI CITIZENS, A FACT WE SHOULD
TAKE ACCOUNT OF IN QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE SHOWING OF PUBLIC
DEFERENCE AND RESPECT IN THAT PART OF CITY.
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